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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

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In the Specification

On page 7, third paragraph, fifth line; please replace "bills such as U.S. or other dollars" with "US or other foreign currency."

25 On page 12, please replace the third paragraph with the following:

As described in some detail above, gaming machine 10 includes a coin hopper 20 from which winnings are paid, and coins returned, such as when a player cashes out. The hopper 20

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